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Regulation of hours of state employees and closing of departments

Roy I. Lang, Director
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State House

Dear Roy:

In reference to your question concerning what agency has authority to set hours -- both department and statewide -- for state employees, I advise as follows.

The previous statute governing hours that state offices and departments shall be open continuously for the transaction of public business (R.L., c. 27, ss. 19 and 20 as amended by c. 196 of the Laws of 1947) was repealed by the provisions of Laws of 1950, c. 9, s. 2.

R.L., c. 27-B, s. 10, X, as inserted by Laws of 1950, c. 9, s. 1, authorizes the Director of Personnel to prescribe a code of rules which shall provide, among other things, for attendance and holidays. Such rules must be submitted to and have the approval of the Personnel Commission and must also be submitted to and have the approval of the Governor and Council to become effective.

The function of setting hours initiates with you, subject to the approval of the Personnel Commission and Governor and Council.

Sincerely,

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